
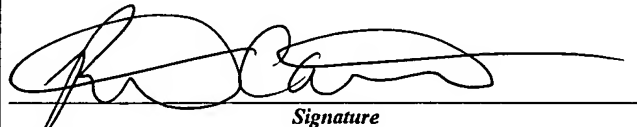
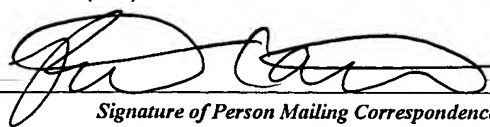
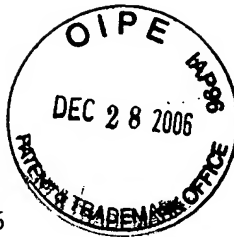


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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated September 26, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application. The Office Action was issued after a withdrawal of a final rejection after Notice of a Panel Decision from a Pre-Appeal Brief Review received July 7, 2006 that reopened prosecution of the instant application. Claims 1-4, 10, and 11 are rejected. Claims 5-9 are withdrawn.

The **Current Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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